



August 20, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary, United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to affirm the commitment of the Baltimore City Department of Transportation to meet the matching fund obligations as described in our application for TIGER II funding of Westport Waterfront Transit-Oriented Development Improvements. Through the City's Capital Improvement Program, more than \$2 million has been committed in City Motor Vehicle Fund appropriations and nearly \$4.4 million has been committed in sub-allocated federal-aid formula funds under the Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program. Additionally, the Department has requested \$1 million from the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) for certain Light Rail improvements. If MDOT cannot provide that funding, then the Baltimore City Department of Transportation will commit County Transportation Bond financing for the remaining \$1 million.

Due to severely diminished local revenues attributable to overall economic conditions and absent the injection of federal funds from the TIGER II program, critical roadway safety and bridge rehabilitation programs beyond the currently available \$6.4 million described above will likely be deferred.

We appreciate the continued support of USDOT and the Federal Highway Administration's DelMar Division in advancing Baltimore's projects through the project development and construction pipeline and look forward to working with them to implement the proposed TIGER II improvements.

Kind regards,

Khalil Zaied
Director

cc: Mr. Jamie Kendrick, DOT

